

IN THE SUPREME COURT
OF THE
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDMENT OF
SDCL 16-16-7.3

RULE 98-7

A hearing having been held on February 20, 1998, at Pierre, South Dakota, relating to the amendment of SDCL 16-16-7.3, and the Court having considered the proposed amendment, the correspondence and oral presentations relating thereto, if any, and being fully advised in the premises, now, therefore, it is

ORDERED that SDCL 16-16-7.3 be and it is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

16-16-7.3. **Order of admission -- Duration.** If the Supreme Court shall find that the applicant is of good moral character and otherwise qualified to practice law, the Court may make an order of admission to be effective upon the filing of the oath of attorney in the office of the clerk.

The admission to practice under this section shall remain in effect until the occurrence of the earliest of the following events:

- (1) The failure to sit for the first bar examination administered by the board of bar examiners subsequent to the order of admission; or
- (2) The announcement by the board of bar examiners of this state of the results of the first bar examination following the applicant's admission under this section, provided, however, that as to any applicant who passes such examination his or her admission under this section shall continue in effect for sixty days, during which time applicant may proceed to be admitted to practice pursuant to § 16-16-17; or
- (3) The termination of the applicant's employment with the legal aid bureau or public defender agency under which the applicant was admitted under this section; or

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(4) The termination by the Supreme Court of the applicant's admission under this section.

It shall be the duty of the supervising attorney of the legal aid bureau or public defender agency by whom such attorney is employed under § 16-16-7.2 to inform the Supreme Court immediately of the termination of employment of such attorney admitted to practice pursuant to this section.

For the purpose of subdivisions (1) and (2) above, the bar examination referred to means the combined Multistate Essay Examination, Multistate Performance Test, and Multistate Bar Examination administered by the board of bar examiners.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this rule shall become effective July 1, 1998.

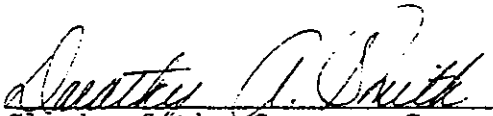
DATED at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of March, 1998.

BY THE COURT:



Robert A. Miller, Chief Justice

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Supreme Court
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